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MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) Meeting for the month of June, 2026 (Hybrid Mode) was held on 25.06.2026 at 11:30 hrs. at Custom House Tuticorin under the chairmanship of Shri. Devendra Vasudeo Nagvenkar, Principal Commissioner of Customs, Custom House Tuticorin.

2. The Customs Officials and Stakeholders, representative of CHAs/Trade who attended the meeting is mentioned in Annexure-A.

3. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants of the meeting. During the meeting, the following agenda points were taken up for discussion and the details of the same are as below.

POINTS RAISED BY TUTICORIN CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Agenda Point No.: - a) Functioning of Customs House Website:

We wish to bring to your kind notice that the Tuticorin Customs House website, has been migrated to the office of the Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive). We request you to kindly take necessary action for the proper update in the website and all Circulars/Public Notice/Facility Intimation are uploaded, so that trade-related information is made available to all stakeholders without interruption

Reply: - The website of Tuticorin customs House has been integrated with the O/o of the Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy i.e. website: trichycustomszone.gov.in. All customs related information viz Notifications/circulars/instructions are available in the CBIC website i.e. cbic.gov.in and documents viz. Public Notice/facility information issued by this office etc. shall be uploaded in the Zonal Website and in this regard, Policy Section shall mark a copy

of Public Notice/Facility information to CCO to be uploaded in zonal website. edicustut.2024@gov.in shall and coordinate with EDI section of CCO.

(ACTION: Customs Policy and EDI Section)

Agenda Point No.: - b) Issue of Show Cause Notice by BRC section:

1. Show Cause Notices are sent repeatedly for cases where O-in-O is issued. We have to again, submit all documents along with the O-in-O and close the SCN.
2. Documents are submitted through SEVOTTAM for SCN issued, but no action is taken based on the documents submitted through SEVOTTAM. Thus, the issues are kept pending and we have to physically produce the documents to proceed further.
3. Personal Hearing notices has been issued again, where the PH notice has been issued by another officer for which the relevant explanation and documents are submitted and even O-in-O has been issued. We request your good selves to kindly issue suitable instructions for speedy closure of SCN and issue O-N-O.

Reply:-

1. The point raised has been noted. In this regard, the chairman requested the BRC Section to look at the issue raised in a holistic manner.
2. All the documents received through SEVOTTAM/CRU are acknowledged and appropriate action, including adjudication of cases is being undertaken. It is requested to provide specific details of grievances faced, if any.
3. A meeting with BRC section was taken up by the chairman after the PTFC meeting and corrective measures have been suggested.

(ACTION: Action by BRC section to be monitored by ADC)

Agenda Point No.: -c. Implementation of Stuffing Report Filing by Custodians at CFS under SCMTR.

We wish to bring to your kind attention the requirement under the recent Circular No. 16/2026 dated 30.03.2026 issued in connection with the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), wherein the responsibility for filing the Stuffing Report has been assigned to the Custodian. It is observed that delays and errors in the filing of Stuffing Reports are causing operational issues in the export clearance process. Since stuffing activities are carried out at the CFSs, we request that necessary instructions be issued for proper implementation of Stuffing Report filing by Custodians at all CFSs. This will help ensure timely filing, avoid errors, and facilitate smooth export operations without delay.

Reply: A trade Notice is being issued by this office, based on the communication received from DG (Systems) in this regard. However, the stakeholders shall familiarize themselves with the SCMTR processes including advisories, message

implementation guides and FAQs readily available on ICEGATE Website (<https://www.icegate.gov.in/advisories/scmtr>).

(ACTION: Stakeholders viz., Custodians, Transhippers etc.)

Agenda Point No.: d- Issues Related to Scanning:

The scanned containers are marked either 100% examination or marked area examination is high and all the report is Difference in Density. So, the most of the RMS facilitated bills of Entry are diverted to CFS for examination which defeats RMS facilitation as well as AEO importers are also affected. We request to kindly review the above issue and give suitable instructions to CSD officers.

Reply: - This point was taken up in the last PTFC meeting also and a response was provided. Considering the repetition of the same issue in a different manner, CSD officers will be sensitized regarding the concerns of the trade.

(ACTION: AC/CSD to sensitize the CSD officers)

Agenda Point No.: - e. E-Bond Procedure and BG Debit in EDI.

With the introduction of E-Bonds in place of manual bonds, importers now obtain E-Bonds prior to consignment arrival. While filing Bills of Entry, the E-Bond number is declared. However, the EDI system debits only the bond value and fails to debit the Bank Guarantee amount. Consequently, even RMS-facilitated Bills of Entry are not granted Out of Charge. The system provides options for 25%, 50% and 100% BG, but no option for 0% BG. The only alternative, "PZ – Officer Determined", does not debit the bond value and necessitates manual recall/reassessment, causing avoidable delays.

Reply: - The issue pointed out is systemic in nature and the same shall be taken up with DG (Systems). Efforts are also being made to get a representative of DG (Systems) to attend the PTFC meeting in near future.

(ACTION: Bond Section to coordinate with DG (Systems))

Agenda Point No.: - f. -EODC/Redemption Letter and Bond Cancellation.

Despite submission of DGFT-issued EODC/Redemption Letters, copy of Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills are again sought for verification during bond/BG cancellation, causing duplication and delays

Reply: - As mandated in the **CBEC instruction issued in F. No. 605/71/2015-DBK dt.02.12.2015**, the documents are sought from 5% of authorisation / license holders on random checks and cases where specific intelligence is available, suggesting misuse/need for detailed verification. The officers have been sensitized not to seek documents outside the purview of Board instructions for rest of the cases.

(ACTION: EODC section to take note)

Agenda Point No.: - g.- Drawback scroll delay - RoDTEP/RoSCTL status.:

The drawback scrolls are supposed to be generated at least twice a week to comply

with the Board Instructions 21/2020 dated 16th Dec 2020 and 05/2026 dated 23rd Apr 2026. However, the last drawback scroll was generated on 4th June 2026 and 11 th June 2026. RoDTEP and RoSCTL scrolls are being generated on the very next day of the drawback scroll. The Customs Brokers can verify the drawback scroll generation for effective follow up for the post shipment benefits to their respective export customers. However, in respect of RoDTEP and RoSCTL, the CBs do not have any option to verify the scroll generation for prompt follow up by them on behalf of their export customers. So, we request that the system shall be modified to enable the CBs to check the RoDTEP/RoSCTL Scroll details. Timely release of Drawback/RoDTEP/RoSCTL scrolls as per the Board's Instructions.

Reply: - It is informed that the delay in generation of drawback scrolls during the period under reference was primarily due to the transitional phase involving transfer of officers. The delay was an isolated occurrence in the month of June 2026. The process has been streamlined. Drawback and RoDTEP/RoSCTL scrolls have been generated on a regular basis. In the month of June, around 20099 nos. of Shipping Bills were scrolled out with an amount of Rs.78,43,38,546/- for disbursing the Drawback, 13082 nos. of Shipping Bills were scrolled out with an amount of Rs.177,66,61,273/- for disbursing IGST Refund and 10665 nos. of Shipping Bills were scrolled amounting to Rs.48,78,15,337/- for RODTEP and 9967 nos. of Shipping Bills were scrolled out with an amount of Rs.848771433/- for ROSCTL. The scrolls are generated in accordance with the Board's instructions.

With regard to the request for enabling Customs Brokers to view RoDTEP/RoSCTL scroll details, it is informed that the relevant functionality on ICEGATE has been designed primarily for exporters. At present, no provision exists for Customs Brokers to access such scroll details. However, the suggestion for providing suitable access to Customs Brokers may be examined and if found feasible, taken up with the competent authority for consideration.

(ACTION: Point Closed)

Agenda Point No.: - h. RoDTEP benefits during Feb/Mar 2026.

Based on the DGFT Notifications issued during Feb and Mar 2026, (DGFT Notification No. 60/2025-2026 dated 23rd Feb 2026 and 66/2025-2026 dated 23rd March 2026) the RoDTEP benefit was reduced to 50% initially and later it was restored back to the same rate as before and the SBs filed during this intervening period was filed with the then eligible 50% of the RoDTEP rate and the same has been provided by the RoDTEP scroll. However, the Exporters are citing the DGFT Notification which is clearly mentioning that the Notification has been specific about the Restoration of the RoDTEP rate from the earlier period itself. So, we request that a suitable procedure needs to be advised to Trade and to the Customs Brokers for claiming the eligible benefit of RoDTEP to the Exporters against the earlier filed Shipping Bills during the period 23rd Feb 2026 to 23rd Mar 2026.

Reply- This point was taken up in the previous PTFC meeting and a suitable response was provided. There does not seem to be any additional facts disclosed in this meeting. Hence the earlier reply stands.

(ACTION: Point Closed)

POINTS RAISED BY Mr. KARTHIKEYAN.M, Manger Export and Import, TEA

Agenda Point No. 1- drawback-related issue:

With reference to the drawback claim under INTUT1 – Drawback Scroll No. 177885 dated 31.03.2026, the status is showing as "Rejected." Subsequently, the shipping bills covered under the said scroll were reissued under multiple new drawback scrolls, the details of which are attached. However, despite the reissuance of the scrolls, our member has not yet received the drawback amount of Rs. 30,33,835. The shipping bill-wise and scroll-wise details are enclosed for your reference.

This issue was already discussed during the PTFC meeting held on 10.06.2026. However, the balance drawback amount has still not been credited to our member's account. We kindly request you to take up this matter for discussion in tomorrow's PTFC meeting and facilitate the release of the pending drawback amount at the earliest.

Reply:- It is informed that, with reference to Drawback Scroll No. 177885 dated 31.03.2026, six fresh drawback scrolls have been generated and released from this office, namely Scroll Nos. 180510 dated 04.05.2026, 180947 dated 08.05.2026, 182417 dated 25.05.2026, 182965 dated 01.06.2026, 183385 dated 05.06.2026, and 183594 dated 09.06.2026, covering all 5,220 shipping bills of the aforesaid scroll.

In this regard, it is clarified that the drawback scrolls have already been generated and duly released from this office and no action is pending to be taken by the Customs house.

(ACTION: Point Closed)

4. The next PTFC meeting shall be held on 13.07.2026 @15.30 hrs in Hybrid mode at Board Room of the Office of the commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin. The members are requested to submit agenda points for the meeting as early as possible.

Encl-As above

**(DEVENDRA V. NAGVENKAR)
PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER**

To,
The Members of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee.

- a. Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association
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- b. Tuticorin CFS Association
SF No. 1538/1A1, Plot No. 1, New Sundar Nagar, EB Colony Main Road,
Tuticorin - 628 101.
- c. Tuticorin Ship Agents' Association,
50, Beach Road, Tuticorin-628001
- d. The Traffic Manager, VOC Port trust, Tuticorin
- e. M/s. D.B.G.T. Terminal Limited, Tuticorin.
- f. M/s. Tuticorin International Container Terminal.
- g. Spices Board, World Trade Avenue, VOC New Port Tuticorin-628004
- h. AEPC, Thiruppur
- i. TEA, Thiruppur

Copy Submitted to:

- 1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy.

Copy to:

- 1. All the Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
- 2. The EDI Section- for uploading in the official website.

Annexure-A

Table-1 (List of officers who attended the PTFC meeting)		
Sl. No.	Name of the officer (S/Shri)	Designation
1.	Shri. Devendra Vasudeo Nagvenkar,	Principal Commissioner
2.	Shri Jai Aravindh	Joint Commissioner
3	Shri B Vinayak	Joint Commissioner
4.	Shri Kathirvel P	Deputy Commissioner
5	Shri L.M. Kalaiarasan	Deputy Commissioner
6.	Shri. S. Sundararajan	Assistant Commissioner
7.	Shri. Joseph K C	Assistant Commissioner
8.	Shri. Joseph Israel	Assistant Commissioner
9.	Shri Sunil Kumar S	Assistant Commissioner
10.	Shri Ravi Kumar T	Assistant Commissioner
11.	Shri. Dilip Kumar	Superintendent

Table-2 (List of representatives from Trade/stakeholders who Attended the meeting).		
Sl. No.	Name of Nominated Members (S/Shri)	Name of the Organization
1.	A S Ramaswamy	TCFSA
2.	Cecil Machado	TCBA
3.	KARTHIKEYAN.M	TEA
4.	J. Pinto Villavarayar	TCBA
5.	J Manikandan	TCBA
6.	V Minesh Raja	TCBA

7	J Celestiene Villavarayar	TCFSA
8	Jovita Vikrant Machado	TCBA